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33358	MEMO	DONALD FORTIER TO JOHN POINDEXTER, RE: NSPG TASKING ON IRAN-IRAQ <b>R 2/21/2012 F1772/1</b>	1	11/7/1983	B1
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

November 5, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DONALD P. GREGG  
Assistant to the Vice President  
for National Security Affairs

MR. CHARLES HILL  
Executive Secretary  
The Department of State

COL. JOHN STANFORD  
Executive Secretary  
The Department of Defense

MR. WILLIAM VITALE  
Executive Secretary  
The Department of Energy

MS. JACKIE TILLMAN  
Executive Assistant to the United States  
Representative to the United Nations  
Department of State

MR. ALTON KEEL  
Associate Director for National Security  
and International Affairs  
Office of Management and Budget

MR. THOMAS B. CORMACK  
Executive Secretary  
Central Intelligence Agency

BGEN. GEORGE A. JOULWAN  
Executive Assistant to the Chairman  
Joint Chiefs of Staff

SUBJECT: Agenda for NSPG Meeting, Monday, November 7, 1983  
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. (C)

Attached is the agenda for the NSPG meeting on U.S. Policy Toward  
the Iran-Iraq War, to be held Monday, November 7, 1983, in the  
Roosevelt Room of the White House, 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. (C)

The agenda will be distributed to Principals only. (C)

*Carolyn E Cleveland*  
Robert M. Kimmitt<sup>for</sup>  
Executive Secretary

Attachment: as stated

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AGENDA

NATIONAL SECURITY PLANNING GROUP MEETING  
The Roosevelt Room, The White House  
Monday, November 7, 1983  
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

U.S. Policy Toward the Iran-Iraq War

- I. INTRODUCTION . . . . .Robert C. McFarlane  
(5 minutes)
- II. INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT. . . . .William J. Casey  
(5 minutes)
  - A. Current developments in the latest Iranian offensive
  - B. Iraqi CW weapons capability
- III. DIPLOMATIC STRATEGY. . . . .George P. Shultz  
(10 minutes)
- IV. MILITARY PLANNING AND FORCE  
DEPLOYMENTS. . . . .Caspar Weinberger  
(15 minutes) GEN John Vessey
  - A. Status of current contingency plans
  - B. Cooperation/collaboration with Gulf Arabs and key Allies
  - C. Force readiness
  - D. Measures to improve U.S. military posture in the region
    - 1. Improving force closure times in light of likely warning indicators of an expanded conflict
    - 2. Precautionary deployments of tactical air and mine countermeasures forces
- V. DISCUSSION . . . . . Principals  
(15 minutes)
- VI. ISSUES FOR DECISION. . . . .Robert C. McFarlane  
(10 minutes)
  - A. U.S. posture and public positions on Iran-Iraq War
  - B. Consultations with Gulf Arab states
  - C. Consultations with key Allies
  - D. Policy guidance for contingency planning

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SPECIAL SITUATION GROUP MEETING

Saturday, November 12, 1983 -- 9:00 a.m.  
White House Situation Room

AGENDA

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| I. <u>Introduction</u>                            | John Poindexter                        |
| II. <u>Intelligence Update</u>                    | Director Casey                         |
| A. Candidate Sites                                |  |
| B. Threats and Risks                              |  |
| III. <u>Operational Plans and Options</u>         | Secretary Weinberger<br>General Vessey |
| A. Timing   |  |
| VI. <u>Consultations with Foreign Governments</u> | Secretary Dam                          |
| A. MNF Contributions                              |  |
| B. Lebanon  |  |
| C. Israel   |  |
| D. Syria  |  |
| E. Saudi Arabia                                   |  |
| F. USSR   |  |
| G. All Posts                                      |  |
| V. <u>Congressional Notifications</u>             | John Poindexter                        |
| VI. <u>Public Affairs Strategy</u>                | John Poindexter                        |
| VII. <u>Summary</u>                               | The Vice President                     |

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November 7, 1983

IRAN-IRAQ NSPG

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Objectives

- 1) Rebut idea that it is in our interest to lean upon Arabs to get Syria to reopen pipeline from Iraq. Yes, this would relieve financial pressure on Iraq, but the Syrians would surely exact a price for having agreed to do moderate Arabs a favor. That price could not possibly be to our liking. Moreover, it is not in our interest to encourage Syrian-Iraqi entente. We might look at an alternative of rapid augmentation of pipeline through Turkey, or construction of new line through Jordan. Ikle said he would have engineers do quick private feasibility study.
  
- 2) Key should be to protect our friends against the damage that would result from a dramatic escalation of the war. Answer is better preparedness on our part, not a political tilt toward Iraq. Idea of such a tilt looks more attractive in light of Iranian backed atrocities in Lebanon; but answer to that should be effective retaliation on the ground in Lebanon rather than warming up to an Iraqi regime which is every bit as capable of acting unjustly once freed from its current preoccupations.
  - Iranians, unlike the Afghans, have a strong accommodatist streak. If too badly isolated they could turn to Soviets. We need to be firm in repulsing Iranian attacks on our friends, but we shouldn't gratuitously create conditions that would provide Soviets--especially in post-Grenada environment--with pretext for invoking their 1921 treaty with Iran.
  - We also need to walk a fine line, distancing ourselves from the current Iranian regime, but encouraging the South Koreans and Japanese to try, in the course of their economic dealings, to cultivate assets and contacts that would be critical in a post-Khomeini succession crisis.
  - Finally, whatever limited moves we may take to forestall complete collapse of Iraq, it is important to take a very firm posture on CW question.
  
- 3) Central question is that of our posture in the event of hostilities and our willingness to predeploy forces that can help to deter and effectively cope with new violence. Our intelligence community notes that, even with AWACS, the Saudis could not today prevent the Iranians from damaging key facilities. While the Iranians might not be able to cripple Saudi Arabia's oil production centers, even a little damage may be a lot in terms of adversely affecting the internal Saudi political situation and maintaining a regime

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whose legitimacy hinges to a large extent on its ability to protect the symbols and attributes of national power.

- Therefore, we need some clear guidance from the President on what our posture should be in the event of hostilities; and we need to secure decisions on precautionary deployment of mineclearing assets to Oman and tactical air to Saudi Arabia. According to the JCS, it would take us a full eight days to get a helicopter minesweeping squadron (six helicopters) to the Gulf and in excess of 40 days to get ocean-going minesweepers in. French minesweepers are three weeks away. The current crisis aside, routinizing precautionary deployments can help to stabilize expectations and prevent miscalculations.
  
- Finally, there is an opportunity here. Protecting Gulf shipping and production facilities is something we can do and the Soviet can't. Moreover, we can do it at low risk to ourselves. It is a success waiting to be created, if we handle the situation adroitly. It demonstrates continued worldwide U.S momentum, resilience, and agility.

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FROM: WHITE HOUSE  
TO: ELYSEE PALACE

FLASH

TOP SECRET VIA BLUE CHANNEL  
FOR GENERAL SAULNIER FROM ADMIRAL POINDEXTER

SUBJECT: NEXT MEETING

WE HAVE TENTATIVELY ARRANGED THAT OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT  
0200 ZULU ON NOVEMBER \_\_\_\_ . I WILL CONFIRM THIS TIME AND DATE  
WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS. (TS)

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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

In my address to the American people last week concerning events in Lebanon and Grenada, I spoke of my determination to spare no effort to identify those responsible for the October 23 attack on our Marines in Beirut. I promised that if the perpetrators could be identified, their act would not go unpunished.

Our intelligence confirms that the insidious act which took the lives of 235 of our Marines that Sunday morning was sponsored, funded and otherwise supported by sovereign states as a means to achieve political objectives. These states sought to force us out of Lebanon by terrorizing our forces and thereby weakening our commitment to bringing peace to Lebanon. After a careful and painstaking search, we determined the identity of the group responsible for this cowardly crime. Although they sought anonymity, we know the culprits were the so-called "Husayni Suicide Commandos", a fanatical group with headquarters in the Bekaa valley of Lebanon. We are also sure that this group is supported and directed by the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Further, we believe that there is good reason to assume certain Syrian officials were aware of this group's plans, and that their movement to Beirut may have been facilitated by individuals employed by the Syrian government.

On the basis of the solid evidence developed, we have taken steps to discourage further attacks by these international criminals. About one hour ago, at \_\_\_\_\_ EST, aircraft from the carrier USS Eisenhower attacked a headquarters and training complex

in the Bekaa Valley used by the group. The strike was successful. All aircraft have been recovered safely.

I deeply regret that this action was necessary. We took every conceivable precaution to limit damage to innocent civilians and to avoid armed confrontation with third parties. We are prepared to let the matter rest here, although I caution those states responsible for supporting this form of terrorism that we have increased our vigilance and heightened our readiness.

The United States will work closely with other governments victimized by unprovoked and state-sponsored terrorism to preclude future crimes such as that perpetrated against our Marines. We call on all nations which subscribe to a moral code governing the conduct of relations between nations to join in a resolute and decided effort to curb this criminal conduct.

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FOR ALL DIPLOMATIC POSTS

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2. AT 0001 HOURS GMT NOVEMBER \_\_\_\_, STRIKE AIRCRAFT FROM THE UNITED STATES SIXTH FLEET ATTACKED A HEADQUARTERS/TRAINING CAMP COMPLEX IN THE BEKAA VALLEY OF LEBANON BELONGING TO THE GROUP WE KNOW WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OCTOBER 23 ATTACK ON OUR MNF UNIT. THE AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED NO OPPOSITION AND ALL WERE RECOVERED SAFELY.

3. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ATTACK WAS TO RESPOND DECISIVELY AT THE SOURCE OF THE TERRORIST ATTACK ON OUR MARINES. THIS SURGICAL ACTION IS INTENDED TO PREEMPT FURTHER STRIKES BY THIS PARTICULAR GROUP, THE SO-CALLED "HUSAYNI SUICIDE COMMANDOS" OF THE DISSIDENT ISLAMIC AMAL MOVEMENT (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE AMAL ORGANIZATION UNDER THE LEBANESE LEADER NABIH BERRI). IT IS ALSO INTENDED TO DETER SIMILAR ACTIONS BY OTHER TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.

4. POSTS SHOULD SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTRIES AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN NATURE AND PURPOSE OF OUR ACTION. THE SURGICAL NATURE OF THE OPERATION AND THE CARE TAKEN TO MINIMIZE COLLATERAL DAMAGE TO INNOCENT CIVILIANS SHOULD BE STRESSED. IT SHOULD ALSO BE EMPHASIZED THAT THE USG IS PREPARED TO LET THIS MATTER REST HERE. WE SEEK NO FURTHER OBJECTIVES THAN THOSE OUTLINED ABOVE. HOWEVER, WE HAVE SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN ENCOURAGED AND SUPPORTED THE ATTACK ON OUR MARINES, AND WE SUSPECT THAT CERTAIN SYRIAN OFFICIALS WERE INVOLVED. IN THE EVENT OF ANY FUTURE TERRORIST ACTS OF THIS NATURE WHICH WE BELIEVE ARE DIRECTED, SUPPORTED, OR FACILITATED BY SOVEREIGN STATES, THE UNITED STATES WILL HOLD THESE STATES ACCOUNTABLE.

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1. PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER SHAMIR FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT. ~~(U)~~

QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I AM SENDING THIS SHORT MESSAGE TO ALERT YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT OF OUR INTENTIONS TO UNDERTAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION AGAINST THE PERPETRATORS OF THE OCTOBER 23 ATTACK ON OUR MNF UNIT IN BEIRUT. AT APPROXIMATELY 0001 HOURS GMT (0201 HOURS LOCAL TIME) TOMORROW, NOVEMBER \_\_\_\_\_, U.S. CARRIER-BASED AIRCRAFT WILL CONDUCT AN AERIAL STRIKE AGAINST TARGETS IN THE BEKAA VALLEY ASSOCIATED WITH THE SO-CALLED "HUSAYNI SUICIDE COMMANDOS" OF THE ISLAMIC AMAL MOVEMENT, WHICH WE BELIEVE PERPETRATED THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON OUR MNF UNITS. ~~(TS)~~

EVERY PRECAUTION WILL BE TAKEN TO LIMIT COLLATERAL DAMAGE AND AVOID ARMED CONFRONTATIONS WITH SYRIAN FORCES. YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHEN I INSIST ON THE NEED FOR SECRECY AND WHEN I POINT OUT THE ABSOLUTE IMPERATIVE THAT YOUR OWN FORCES NOT SIGNAL A HEIGHTENED OR EXCEPTIONAL DEGREE OF READINESS BEFORE OUR ATTACK IS COMPLETED. ~~(TS)~~

YOU, IN PARTICULAR, WILL APPRECIATE THE SENSITIVITY OF OUR OPERATION AND THE NEED FOR GREAT CARE IN PROTECTING THIS INFORMATION. ~~(U)~~

SINCERELY,  
RONALD REAGAN

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1. PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER CRAXI IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT. ~~(U)~~

2. QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

I AM SENDING THIS SHORT MESSAGE TO ALERT YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT OF OUR PLANS TO UNDERTAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION AGAINST THE PERPETRATORS OF THE OCTOBER 23 ATTACK ON OUR MARINES IN BEIRUT. AT 0001 GMT NOVEMBER \_\_\_, U.S. CARRIER-BASED AIRCRAFT WILL CONDUCT AN AERIAL STRIKE AGAINST A TARGET COMPLEX IN THE BEKAA VALLEY BELONGING TO THE GROUP WE BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK ON OUR UNITS. THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN IN SELF-DEFENSE AGAINST FUTURE TERRORIST ATTACKS BY THIS NOTORIOUS GROUP OF TERRORISTS.

EVERY PRECAUTION WILL BE TAKEN TO LIMIT COLLATERAL DAMAGE AND TO AVOID AN ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH SYRIAN FORCES. IT WILL BE A SURGICAL ACTION TO PREEMPT FUTURE ATTACKS AND TO DETER SIMILAR GROUPS FROM ENGAGING IN THIS TYPE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. I REGRET THIS VERY SHORT NOTICE, BUT I AM SURE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THE ABSOLUTE NEED FOR SECRECY IN EXECUTING THIS OPERATION. ~~(TS)~~

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RONALD REAGAN

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1. PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER THATCHER IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT. ~~(U)~~

2. QUOTE:

DEAR MARGARET:

FURTHER TO MY MESSAGE OF NOVEMBER 6, I AM SENDING THIS SHORT MESSAGE TO ALERT YOU OF OUR INTENTION TO UNDERTAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION AGAINST THE PERPETRATORS OF THE OCTOBER 23 ATTACK ON OUR MNF UNIT IN BEIRUT. I HAVE AGONIZED OVER THIS DECISION, TAKING SPECIAL NOTE OF THE CONCERN EXPRESSED IN YOUR LETTER. I HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT WE CANNOT FAIL TO ACT AND ATTEMPT TO PREEMPT FUTURE TERRORIST ACTS OF THIS TYPE. AT APPROXIMATELY 0001 HOURS GMT NOVEMBER \_\_\_\_\_, WE WILL CONDUCT AN AERIAL STRIKE USING CARRIER-BASED AIRCRAFT AGAINST A HEADQUARTERS/TRAINING CAMP COMPLEX OF THE SPLINTER ISLAMIC AMAL MOVEMENT IN BAALBEK, LEBANON. WE WILL LIMIT OUR ATTACKS TO AN ISOLATED TARGET COMPLEX WHICH IS USED BY THE SO-CALLED "HUSAYNI SUICIDE COMMANDOS," THE GROUP WE KNOW WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON OUR MNF UNITS. EVERY PRECAUTION WILL BE TAKEN TO LIMIT COLLATERAL DAMAGE AND AVOID ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH SYRIAN FORCES. IN SHORT, THIS ACTION IS TAKEN IN SELF-DEFENSE AGAINST

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FUTURE STRIKES WHICH HAVE BEEN THREATENED. IT WILL BE AS  
SURGICAL AN ACTION AS WE ARE CAPABLE OF, AND IT WILL HOPEFULLY  
PREEMPT FUTURE TERRORIST ACTS BY THIS PARTICULAR GROUP AND DETER  
OTHERS FROM TAKING THIS KIND OF ACTION IN THE FUTURE. I AM SURE  
YOU UNDERSTAND THE ABSOLUTE NEED FOR SECRECY IN EXECUTING THIS  
ACTION. (TS)

SINCERELY, RON

UNQUOTE

PASS TO AMBASSADOR HARTMANN

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 0001 HOURS ZULU NOVEMBER \_\_\_\_, U.S. CARRIER-BASED AIRCRAFT WILL CONDUCT AN AIRSTRIKE AGAINST A TARGET COMPLEX BELONGING TO THE SO-CALLED "HYSAYNI SUICIDE COMMANDOS" OF THE ISLAMIC AMAL MOVEMENT IN THE BEKAA VALLEY OF LEBANON. EVERY PRECAUTION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO LIMIT COLLATERAL DAMAGE AND TO AVOID AN ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH SYRIAN FORCES. ~~(TS)~~

2. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER 0100 GMT, YOU SHOULD SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO AND MAKE THE FOLLOWING DEMARCHE: ~~(U)~~

-- THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS UNDERTAKEN THESE ACTIONS AGAINST THE GROUP WHICH WE FIRMLY BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OCTOBER 23 ATTACK ON OUR MNF UNIT IN BEIRUT. ~~(U)~~

-- WE HAVE TAKEN GREAT CARE TO AVOID ARMED CONFRONTATIONS WITH SYRIAN MILITARY UNITS, AND THE STRIKE WAS UNDERTAKEN WITH A VIEW TO MINIMIZING COLLATERAL DAMAGE. ~~(U)~~

-- WE ARE PREPARED TO LET THIS MATTER REST HERE. HOWEVER, WE WILL RESPOND PROMPTLY TO ANY ESCALATORY ACTS AGAINST OUR FORCES IN LEBANON. ~~(U)~~

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-- WHILE WE HAVE CONSCIOUSLY REFRAINED FROM ATTACKS AGAINST ANY ELEMENTS NOT DIRECTLY IMPLICATED IN THE OCTOBER 23 ATTACKS IN BEIRUT, WE WILL HOLD THE SARG RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY FUTURE ATTACKS ORIGINATING FROM SYRIAN-OCCUPIED TERRITORY. ~~(U)~~

-- THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO PURSUE A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE LEBANESE PROBLEM, AND WE HAVE PLACED GREAT HOPE IN THE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION PROCESS BEGUN IN GENEVA LAST WEEK. ~~(U)~~

-- AT THE SAME TIME, UNPROVOKED ATTACKS AGAINST U.S. FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS WILL MEET WITH PROMPT AND DECISIVE RESPONSES.

~~(U)~~

-- WE ENJOIN THE USSR TO EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO CONTROL THE VIOLENCE IN LEBANON AND CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEARCH FOR A LASTING AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE LEBANESE CRISIS, FOUNDED UPON THE PRINCIPLES OF SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND THE PROMPT WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES. ~~(U)~~

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PASS TO AMBASSADOR BARTHOLOMEW

1. AT 0001 ZULU NOVEMBER \_\_\_\_, AIRCRAFT FROM THE USS EISENHOWER WILL CONDUCT AN AIRSTRIKE AGAINST A HEADQUARTERS/TRAINING COMPLEX OF THE "HUSAYNI SUICIDE COMMANDOS" IN BAALBEK. PLANNING HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH A VIEW TO MINIMIZING COLLATERAL DAMAGE TO INNOCENT CIVILIANS AND AVOIDING ARMED CONFRONTATION WITH SYRIAN FORCES.

~~(TS)~~

2. AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER 0030 ZULU, YOU SHOULD SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT GEMAYEL TO INFORM HIM OF OUR ACTION AND STRESS THAT THIS WAS A PROPORTIONATE RESPONSE TO THE CRIMINAL AND WANTON VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR MARINES. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT IN HIS STATEMENT ANNOUNCING THE ACTION, THE PRESIDENT INTENDS TO IDENTIFY THE CULPRITS BY NAME AND TO POINT TO WHAT WE KNOW OF IRANIAN AND SYRIAN COMPLICITY IN THE ATTACK. YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO LET THIS MATTER REST HERE. HOWEVER, IF THIS TYPE OF ATTACK IS REPEATED, WE HAVE WARNED IRAN AND SYRIA THAT THEY WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. ~~(S)~~

3. YOU SHOULD USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW OUR DEMAND THAT THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT SEVER ITS OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN. ~~(S)~~

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4. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER, YOU SHOULD ALSO SPEAK WITH NABIH BERRI TO INFORM HIM OF THE ATTACK AND THE GROUP WHICH WAS TARGETTED, STRESSING THAT WE HAVE NO QUARREL WITH THE MAINSTREAM AMAL MOVEMENT HE LEADS. YOU MIGHT TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK BERRI FOR THE INFORMATION HE PASSED TO FAIRBANKS ON THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK, NOTING THE FACT THAT IT CORROBORATED OUR OWN EXTENSIVE INTELLIGENCE. BERRI SHOULD BE PRESSED TO INCREASE HIS VIGILANCE IN SOUTH BEIRUT TO FORESTALL ANY COUNTER-RETALIATIONS BY THE FANATICAL ELEMENTS OF THE ISLAMIC AMAL MOVEMENTS WHICH INTER ALIA SEEK TO HAVE HIM REPLACED AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE SHIA COMMUNITY. (S)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE LAWRENCE S. EAGLEBURGER  
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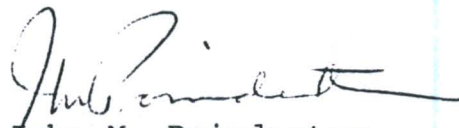
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November 7, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: DONALD R. FORTIER

**SIGNED**

SUBJECT: NSPG Tasking on Iran-Iraq

Attached is the tasker we discussed. Phil and I are convinced we will probably have to join the issue on precautionary deployments more forcefully in the near term. These taskings, however, should smoke the issue out and give us a clearer sense for what our next step should be.

Recommendation

That you sign your memo to Eagleburger and Ikle at Tab A.

Approve



Disapprove

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Attachment

Tab A Poindexter/Eagleburger, Ikle

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